

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**
Date: **March 23, 2020**

Final Reading of Ordinance No. 20-004 Amendment Related to Body Art

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current City ordinance does not allow for cosmetic tattooing except for those who hold a City issued Body Art Tattoo license. There is only a small portion in the business district where body art can be performed. This change to the ordinance will exempt individuals who perform cosmetic tattooing from obtaining a license.

The owner of Sola Salon reached out to staff to consider changes to the ordinance as they have individuals who perform cosmetic tattoo services that would like to operate at their facility but cannot due to the current ordinance.

Cosmetic tattooing is very different than “regular” body art tattooing procedures. Traditional body art tattooing utilizes a “tattoo gun” that deposits pigment deep in the layers of skin creating a permanent effect. Cosmetic tattooing utilizes a special pen that deposits ink pigments in the top layers of the skin. These ink deposits are generally not permanent. An individual usually follows up after a certain period of time in order to maintain their desired cosmetic outcomes. Cosmetic tattooing includes Microblading, eyelid and lip colorization, blending of scar tissue, and colorization of the areola area after reconstructive surgery.

Minnesota Department of Health currently regulates cosmetic tattooing including the license of the providers.

Attached is the ordinance with the suggested changes to allow cosmetic tattooing that was passed on a first reading at the Council meeting on March 9, 2020. The required publication in the City’s designated paper was completed in accordance with applicable laws.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Hold a required Public hearing on the ordinance changes, discuss the changes, and hold a vote regarding Ordinance No. 20-004 Amending Section 111.06 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding Exception to Body Art Establishment Ordinance for Cosmetic Tattooing.